

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please amend the TITLE of the invention as follows:

APPARATUS ~~AND METHOD~~ FOR AERIAL REARMAMENT OF AIRCRAFT

Please amend the ABSTRACT as follows:

~~Apparatus and method for rearming combat aircraft in flight. Said~~ The invention ~~comprises~~ provides an apparatus for the aerial transfer of munitions from a rearming aircraft to the weapons pylon of the recipient combat aircraft. The ~~[[I]]~~ invention ~~further comprises a method~~ also provides for the selection of munitions from a database of munitions and aircraft types in response to an Air Tasking Order. The ~~[[I]]~~ invention ~~further comprises an apparatus to adapt~~ allows a variety of combat aircraft to be adapted to aerial rearmament. The ~~[[I]]~~ invention ~~further comprises means to~~ also provides for the release of precision guided munitions directly from a rearming aircraft so that orbiting combat aircraft can guide these munitions to the target by remote control.